SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
February 11, 2015

MINUTES

Canyon Springs Community School
19059 Vicci Street
Canyon Country, CA 91351

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Dr. Kerry Clegg, President
Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, Clerk
Mr. Ken Chase, Member
Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, Member
Mrs. Lori MacDonald, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent
Ms. Lynn David, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services
Mrs. Kim Lytle, Assistant Superintendent-Personnel/Pupil Services
Mrs. Selina Hurst, District Executive Secretary

Call to Order,
Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Clegg called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:34 PM and noted the roll.

Sam Dizon, 5th grade student led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda,
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Clegg-Aye

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 to approve the Agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes,
1/28/15 Meeting
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Clegg-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 to approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Approval of Minutes,
2/2/15 Meeting
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Clegg-Aye

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2015 Special Meeting.
There were no requests to address the Board, nor were there any comments or questions regarding agenda items.

Dr. Clegg introduced Mrs. Laura Hawkins, Valley View teacher and SSDTA representative, who described the Sulphur Springs District Teachers' Association annual creative writing contest guidelines and then presented a trophy and $50 gift card from Barnes and Noble Book Store to the student winners. The winners and their teachers included:

- India Wright, Mrs. Hawkins, 1st grade, Valley View Community School
- Damian Lazzo, Mrs. Hirsch, 2nd grade, Valley View Community School
- Daniela Sarabia, Mrs. Teague, 3rd grade, Canyon Springs Community School
- Brooke McCormick, Mrs. Sykes, 4th grade, Pinetree Community School
- Samuel Dizon, Mrs. Vargas, 5th grade, Canyon Springs Community School
- Annie Grissom, Mrs. Hubbard, 6th grade, Pinetree Community School

Mrs. Hawkins noted the students would also be recognized at their respective schools.

Dr. Clegg introduced Ms. Stephanie Chicoine, Canyon Springs Co-Principal. Ms. Chicoine presented Trustees with a video highlighting how Canyon Springs is "Running on the Road to Success". The video included snapshots of classroom learning (writing, Math Expressions, STEAM, Science, PE, technology, Fine Arts), State Preschool, ASES (After School Education and Safety Program), Student Council, and field trips.

Dr. Clegg thanked Ms. Chicoine and the Canyon Springs staff for the presentation.

Ms. Chicoine and Trustees presented certificates of recognition to the following staff members and parent volunteers: Cheryl Ojena, Gina Fu, Carolyn Davenport, Karrie Armendariz, Kami Sunde, Angie Buchanan, Michelle Alva, Cintia Soto, Karina Santiago, Monica Samano, Gilda Dizon, Beth Goldes, Kathy Wagner, Dewayna Cooper-Marucut, and Monica Brezovay.

Dr. Clegg called a recess at 8:10 PM and then reconvened at 8:18 PM.

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0, to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

- Conference Action Report #15-03
- Gift Action Report #15-03
- Personnel Action Report #15-03

Trustees were presented the 2015 Winter Academy Report by Mr. Josh Randall (Director, Professional Development/Instructional Technology/Categorical Support), Mrs. Paulette Volmer, (Canyon Springs teacher), and Mrs. Stephanie Hernandez, (Valley View teacher). Valley View and Canyon Springs schools hosted the academy this year. The goal of the academy was to provide a week of intensive instruction for students and included:

- The opportunity to modify and develop curriculum.
- A narrowed focus on a key Reading Comprehension skill and a key math skill.
- Pre/Post tests revised to more closely align with the Common Core.
- Enrollment based on teacher recommendation.
- Strategies and tools including instructional technology.
End of week results showed student growth in all areas this year and also showed improvement over last year. Parent, student, and teacher surveys showed appreciation and support for the academy.

Dr. Kawaguchi expressed her appreciation for the dedication and commitment of the Winter Academy staff.

Ms. David shared with Trustees a presentation reviewing the Governor’s Proposal for the 2015-2016 State Budget and K-12 Education. Included in the presentation was an overview of the budget and how it affects the District. The Governor’s budget emphasizes positive economic growth, Prop 98, LCFF and LCAP, Adult Education and Career Technical Education, decrease in debt, and an overall positive State Budget for public education. The areas most affecting the District are continued declining enrollment, increased employer costs for CalSTRS and CalPERS, and elimination of deficit spending. The Governor’s budget does not include a proposal for a statewide school facilities bond, funding for increased district costs for CalSTRS or CalPERS, transportation, or Early Childhood Education.

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 to approve the Business Services Report #15-12 as presented.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 to approve the Master Contract: Staffing Options & Solutions (NPA) as presented.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 to cast votes for each of the candidates listed on the ballot for the 2015 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Election.

The motion was made by Dr. Clegg, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 to nominate and elect Mrs. Weinstein to serve as the District’s delegate to the Los Angeles County School Trustees’ Association for the 2014-2015 term of office.

The motion was made by Dr. Clegg, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 to nominate and elect Mr. Chase to serve as the District’s alternate to the Los Angeles County School Trustees’ Association for the 2014-2015 term of office.
Trustees discussed and then determined to forego their Focus Group Dinners this year and resume them next year.

Mrs. MacDonald very much enjoyed her participation in and expressed appreciation for the recent District Conference, Board Tour, and dinner with SSDTA representatives. Her fellow Trustees enthusiastically “dinted” her comments.

Mr. DeFigueiredo noted he will be participating in a CSBA webinar regarding Form 700 and agreed to share with Trustees what he learns from it.

Mrs. Weinstein reported attending with Dr. Clegg, Mr. Chase, and Dr. Kawaguchi a Legislative Reception held recently at College of the Canyons. She also reported her attendance at the SCV Trustees’ Association Meeting.

Mr. Chase reported seeing the recent SCV TV news item featuring Mint Canyon’s I.E.T. Program.

Dr. Clegg reminded Trustees of the dinner invitation they received as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration for Leona Cox Community School at their next meeting February 25th.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:07 PM for discussion regarding personnel and property negotiations. Dr. Clegg reported that Dr. Michael Escalante would join the Board in Closed Session.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 to reconvene the meeting at 11:25 PM.

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 PM.

February 25, 2015

Date

Dr. Kerry Clegg, President

Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, Clerk